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TESTIMONY IN PARTIAL SUPPORT TO BILL 12-22

Electricity – Board of Electrical Examiners – Licenses – Permit Requirements

As a resident of Montgomery County, I would like to express my support for the continued allowance for homeowners to perform electrical work in their residences. Since the passage of the Maryland Electricians Act, the Department for Permitting Services has placed the Homeowners Electrical Exam on hold. Allowing homeowners to perform electrical work under the supervision of the Department for Permitting Services, including the availability of inspections for such work, would encourage safe and informed home improvement work by homeowners.

However, the current bill text further restricts homeowners to only allow work on branch circuits. I understand the desire to limit what work homeowners may perform, but I would also like to express my support for expanding this allowance to at minimum explicitly include Communications Systems or low voltage systems more generally.

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